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HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Mr. Townes Improving. Services at Sweetwater. Mr. Posey to Assist in Meeting at Republican Church.

Editor Edgefield Advertiser:

Well, as my letter did not find its way to the scrap basket, I will try once again to give a few dots from Hardy's.

Mr. G. F. Townes, we are glad to learn, is improving slowly, and we hope surely, since he was moved from the University hospital, over in North Augusta, to his daughter's, Mrs. Willie Walker. He hopes to gain strength enough to come home the last of this week. We will all be glad to have him come home improved in health.

Sorry to have to say that Mrs. Francis Townes was taken to the hospital last Saturday. She went to Augusta last Tuesday on business and came home feeling badly, had fever, and was taken to the hospital Saturday. This leaves Mr. Henry Medlock with the entire care of his little baby boy.

Mrs. McKie returned home from her trip to Sullivan's Island much improved.

Master Willie and Miss Marjorie McKie, Miss Mary Townes and Mr. Frank Townes, Jr., attended services at Republican Wednesday, and almost had to swim home. The rain and electricity were terrific, and lasted from three o'clock until dark—a constant down pour.

Miss Minnie Lanham is spending this week with Miss Mary Townes.

Master Edward Bunch is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. S. V. Bunch.

Mrs. Bunch's niece, Miss Leila Usher, and her niece, Miss Elizabeth Usher, visited Mrs. Bunch in June, and cheered her so much we hope they will come again soon. This was their first visit. They are from Quitman, Ga. Two very fine, sweet girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Barker have gone on an extended trip visiting relatives in Atlanta, Ga., Anniston and Birmingham, Ala., Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. Parker's home, and other points. We know Miss Lou, as we all call her, will enjoy this outing very much.

Dr. R. L. McKie has been threshing grain this past week, and find the crop was very much cut short by the dry spring.

This last dry spell cut the corn, cotton and potato crops off greatly; also, gardens and melons were ruined.

Fruit was almost a complete failure in this section, so there has been but little to can for winter. What beans, okra and tomatoes we could get from our own garden, I have put up, about eight dozen jars, and some catsup, but tomatoes are getting scarce, unless the rain revives them, which we hope it may do.

Sunday was service day at Sweetwater, and three were baptized. Next second Sunday in September they have arranged to have a memorial service of those buried in the Sweetwater cemetery, and will have all-day exercises.

Next Sunday the protracted meeting begins at Hardy's. Mr. Lanham will have Rev. Mr. Posey, from Ward, to assist him. We hope to have a soul-stirring meeting this season, and much good come from this service.

Mrs. George Stallings, of Americus, Ga., formerly Miss Etta Apel, of Augusta, visited her cousin, Will Briggs, a week ago, and went on to visit his sisters, Mrs. L. H. Hamilton, of Pleasant Lane, and Mrs. J. D. Hughey, of Parksville. We are always glad to see Mrs. Stallings, with her bright merry laugh. She makes us feel like all our good old school days are back, with her dear self with us again.

Mrs. T. J. Briggs' brother, Mr. John Getzen, paid her a visit last week, which she and all enjoyed greatly.

The meeting at Republican was well attended, and gained several candidates for baptism.

Hardy's.

Send us your orders for ice cream. We can supply you from our fountain or have your special order for block cream and cake filled in Augusta. Special designs or colors ordered on short notice.

Penn & Holstein.

TRENTON NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Spend a Fortnight in Washington. Many Charming Visitors Come and Go.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Courtney have gone to Washington, D. C., for a two weeks' stay. In the meantime little Margaret is spending the time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Privette, of Darlington.

Mrs. Mike Herlong and Miss Mary Helen Harrison have gone to visit Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herlong at Hawkinsville, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Addison from Anderson have returned home after a pleasant stay with relatives here.

Miss Maude Bettis, Miss Dorothy Bettis, Miss Emma Bouknight and Mr. William Bouknight went to Chick Springs on Saturday, making the trip in Miss Bouknight's beautiful new Buick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moss had as their honor guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tompkins from Connelville, Pa. Other invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wise, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathis, Mrs. John Walker from Savannah, Miss Susie Marie Wise from Augusta.

Mr. S. T. Hughes and Miss Lizzy Hughes have returned home after spending two weeks at that health-giving resort, Chick Springs.

Miss Selene Leaphart from Columbia has been a very charming guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Harrison for the past fortnight.

Mrs. John Walker and her lovely children from Savannah and Miss Susie Marie Wise from Augusta are on a visit to their aunt, Mrs. Susie Miller.

Mrs. Austin Clark has as her attractive guest Miss G. M. Pope from Orlando, Fla.

Mrs. J. W. White from Louisville, Ga., is visiting Mrs. L. D. Crouch.

Miss Lura Mims spent the past week with Mrs. Walter Wise. This lovely girl is always a welcomed visitor in Trenton, for she is beloved by every one.

A charming visitor in our midst at present is Mrs. Henderson from Charlotte, N. C., and her three attractive children. They are with Mrs. J. B. Knight, who is Mrs. Henderson's sister.

Miss Belle Clark and Miss Orrie Sabe Miller spent part of the past week with Mrs. John Butler of North Augusta.

Miss Belle Privette has returned home after a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. H. Courtney. Miss Privette has made many warm friends during her stay who regret to see her leave.

Look Out For It.

It is said that the whiskey forces are planning to spring a story to the effect that negroes are being registered in South Carolina by the prohibitionists to vote in the election in September. We don't know whether they will stoop this low or not but it is common report that they are waiting until what appears to be the most opportune time to spring it.

We don't believe the good people of South Carolina will be fooled by this report. They know that the prohibition leaders in this state are men of too high character to resort to such tactics. If the negroes are registering it is on their own accord—certainly not because they have been urged to do so by the white prohibitionists.

Personally we doubt whether those negroes who are registering are registering for the purpose of voting for prohibition.—Spartanburg Journal.

Off for New York.

As Mr. J. W. Peak is planning to open at his old stand about the first of September with a fresh stock of fall merchandise, he left this morning for New York to make his purchases. He will also purchase new fixtures for the store, which will be repainted and made attractive in every way. Mr. Peak is an experienced buyer, and will carefully select a large stock of dry goods and notions. He will make a formal announcement in The Advertiser later.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Annual Institute Held at Brunson School. Good Attendance. Instructive Addresses.

The Cleora community deserves to rank as one of the most progressive communities in the county. The farmers of Cleora have caught the quick-step of progress and have forged ahead of many sections. Realizing last year that great benefit would be derived from holding a farmers' institute, through the efforts of a small number of farmers, with the co-operation of County Demonstration Agent P. N. Lott, an institute was held at Brunson school house. The practical addresses that were made by men who have made a study of different phases of agriculture were very helpful to many in the community who were eager for new ideas and new methods.

Encouraged by the success of the first institute, those who took the initiative in holding the institute a year ago decided to make it an annual occasion. The second annual farmers' institute of Cleora was held at the Brunson school house last Thursday. Mr. P. N. Lott presided.

The first speaker presented was Prof. W. A. Barton of Clemson college who was present last year and who has also addressed farmers at Edgefield several times. He began by setting forth the advantages to be gained through co-operation on the part of farmers, particularly in buying and selling. Prof. Barton said farmers should not have much to buy and that what they do buy should be purchased in large quantities at practically wholesale cost. He stated that the producers receive only about 50 or 55 cents for every dollar's worth of farm products. The balance of the dollar goes into the pockets of the middle-men.

Prof. Barton stated that farmers are now availing themselves of the advantages of co-operation along some lines, but do not realize it. He used the public school to illustrate the advantages of co-operation. Parents would not be able to employ a teacher for their children at home, making as many teachers in a given community as there are homes. But they can send all of the children in the community to one school and pay the expenses of the school from a common fund. The same principle of combining their interests can be applied by farmers in making their purchases and in selling their products. Prof. Barton said the people of the South have not accomplished as much as the people of the West, as the farmers of the latter section have been forced on account of unfavorable climate to seize upon every advantage that can be gained. They have benefited tremendously through co-operative marketing. He also stated that the people of the North are more ingenious than southern people. The record shows that there are 600 inventors in the North to every one in the South. Necessity forces them to adopt new ideas.

Prof. Barton referred at some length to the enormous fertilizer burden that cotton growers have taken upon themselves. Ten years ago the farmers of South Carolina used \$3,000,000 worth of fertilizers, and in 1914 they used \$31,000,000, which shows that our soil has grown less and less productive, the deficiency being supplied by commercial fertilizers. When we take more from the soil in any crop than we return in some form of plant food we are making an overdraft, robbing nature, and sooner or later the penalty will have to be paid.

The speaker said we can never produce too much cotton. There are yet uncivilized nations that are naked and must ultimately be clad. The cheapest clothing to be had is made from cotton goods. The trouble with our people is not that they make too much cotton, but that they produce too little of the other crops.

He referred to the two classes of plants, the soil robbers and the soil builders. All of the ordinary crops, such as corn, cotton, wheat and oats, are soil robbers, in that they take more plant food from the land than they return. Peas, vetch, the clovers and scores of others are

known as soil building plants, in that they add to as well as take from the fertility of the soil. Mr. Barton urged the farmers present to send to Clemson College for free bulletin A on Vetch and Clovers, and the bulletin on Agriculture for the School and Farm.

The next speaker introduced was Prof. Stewart, also of Clemson College, who discussed poultry raising in all of its details. He said that here in the South we look upon the cotton crop as being the most valuable crop, whereas chickens throughout the United States yield more annually than the entire cotton crop is worth. He urged the importance of having well-bred chickens, as no profit can be realized from mongrel breeds. Prof. Stewart also stressed the importance of selecting proper feed, a balanced feed. Corn alone is not a balanced feed. He recommended equal parts of corn, wheat, oats and Kaffir corn as a balanced feed. Fowls should always be supplied with an abundance of fresh water. Troughs should be filled in the afternoon and refilled the next morning if necessary. In winter troughs are neglected and allowed to remain frozen, yet chickens are expected to lay and make normal growth when thus neglected. When feed is given it should be thrown in straw so that chickens will be forced to take a moderate amount of exercise. They should be fed very early in the morning or given more late in the afternoon than they will eat. Prof. Stewart advocates feeding a dry mash composed of wheat bran, corn meal and beef scraps. The mash should be balanced just as the other feed.

He does not advocate expensive houses. Occasionally Northern people come South and make a failure of poultry raising because they erect close, expensive houses with glass windows as they do in cold climate. The poultry house should face the south and the southern end or side should be enclosed with wire and the other three sides made of boards solid, leaving no crack or knot hole that will create a draft on the chickens. One side open with three closed will afford fresh air without the draft.

Prof. Stewart spoke at some length of the most prevalent diseases and their treatment. What is known as limber neck among chickens is caused by ptomaine poison, resulting from eating dead rats or other decayed flesh. He strongly advised against throwing chicken heads and such things about the premises. They decompose and when eaten by chickens frequently cause limber neck. This is a summer disease, seldom being seen in winter, as at that season the cause does not exist. This disease can be cured if treated early by administering one-half teaspoonful of turpentine and a like portion of castor oil. Prof. Stewart is of the opinion that there is very little of the disease commonly called cholera. It can be prevented by a constant use of disinfectants, liberal use of whitewash, and by allowing no stagnant water about the premises. In speaking of insects, he said the gray louse causes more deaths than any other insects. He advised against using prepared remedies. The lice can be killed by a mixture of cotton seed oil, kero-

sene oil and salt. Do not use lard. He is of the opinion that mites are the worst pest. They can be reduced to a minimum by using kerosene and whitewash on the roosts and about the fowl house. Sore head among little chickens is frequently caused by allowing them to roost in coops that have formerly housed older chickens. It can be treated by applying caustic to the wart-like blisters that first appear on the head of chickens.

Prof. Stewart is a practical poultry raiser and fancier, having paid as high as \$25.00 for one pure-bred chicken. Relating his experience will be helpful to those who heard him Thursday.

At the close of the speaking by these specialists, dinner was announced, and a well-cooked and faultlessly seasoned barbeque dinner was served for the benefit of the school, additional improvements on the building being contemplated.

Soon after dinner a goodly number of farmers assembled in the school house and organized themselves into the Cleora Farmers' Club by the election of Mr. L. R. Brunson, president; Mr. T. B. Morgan, vice-president, and Mr. T. A. Williams, secretary.

The second annual institute was a success, and will prove helpful to all farmers who heard the instructive addresses. It will not be long before tentative plans will be formulated for the holding of the third annual institute next July.

Success to the Cleora Farmers' Club!

"Rose Cottage" Reports Edgefield Association Committees. Tribute to Mrs. Julia Talbert.

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The Edgefield Association will convene with the Red Hill church Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in September. The following committees will report:

State Missions, G. M. Sexton. Home Missions, J. E. Johnson. Foreign Mission, J. T. Littlejohn. Orphanage, R. T. Strom. Temperance, J. L. Mims. Education, C. M. Mellichamp. Periodicals, W. W. Fuller. Aged Ministers, J. L. Bracknell. Woman's Work, S. A. Brunson. Sunday School, P. H. Bussey. State of Religion, P. B. Lanham. Laymen's Movement, S. B. Mays. The brethren will please prepare their reports and have them ready at the association.

Many hearts were saddened when it was learned that Mrs. Julia Talbert was dead. Mrs. Talbert was born, reared and lived all her life in Edgefield county. She was a Miss Nicholson before her marriage to Col. John Talbert. After her marriage she and her husband started life together in the Rehoboth community. She has lived a long and useful life. She was a good neighbor. If there was sickness in the community she was there to render what assistance she could. She was a kind friend who never lost an opportunity to speak words of cheer and comfort to all who needed them. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. Mrs. Talbert's home life was perfectly beau-

tiful. Her devotion to her children and her children to her was lovely. Mrs. Talbert united with the church when quite young and lived a devoted christian life. She loved her church and often spoke words of appreciation to her pastor. Mrs. Talbert had been in declining health for several years. All that could be done by a faithful physician and loving hands that cared for her night and day, could not stay the hand of death. The end came peacefully Sunday afternoon and her pastor Rev. J. T. Littlejohn conducted the funeral service Monday afternoon.

She leaves five children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. She was 76 years old at her death. She will be missed in the community, in her church and in her home. But we mourn not as those who have no hope. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." We extend our prayers and sympathy to the loved ones.

Rose Cottage.

Cold Spring, S. C.

Very Delightful Occasion.

Much to the delight of the young pleasure seekers of Edgefield the party spirit has spread to the surrounding out-of-town districts, and often the hill tops may be seen for some distance brilliant with the lights of the Japanese lanterns. The hospitable home of Mr. Broadwater was the scene of one of these parties on last Friday evening when Miss Evelyn entertained in honor of her guest-cousin, Miss Effie Broadwater of Grovetown. The guests were from Edgefield, Trenton and the surrounding country. At nine o'clock the parlor was filled with young people enjoying the music and each others company, and waiting for the hostess to pronounce the evening's entertainment, which each and all hoped and expected would be the popular progressive conversation.

In due time tally cards were presented to the guests, and they began to fill the blanks rapidly with the names of the ones with whom they were to talk. When the bell tapped the young people scattered about, some finding seats in the parlor, others on the porch, on the lawn, or else in the luxurious automobiles which had brought some of the guests. Each conversation lasted five minutes. Rich and refreshing punch was served at all times during the evening by Miss Annie Sue Broadwater. When the twenty conversations had been completed the refreshments, consisting of pink and white block ice cream, was served to the guests scattered about wherever they might be found.

Strange to say for Edgefield the weather was delightfully cool, which added to the gay spirits of the boys and girls.

About twelve o'clock they began to bid their hostess and her visitor adieu, and left for their different homes wondering how the appointed time for their stay slipped by so quickly.

A Guest.

Mr. James Cothran of Abbeville is here visiting his aunt, Mrs. Susan B. Hill.

